

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	<i>Application Number</i>	New - Div. of 09/200,232
	<i>Filing Date</i>	Herewith
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	David Mark WHITCOMBE
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	Not Yet Assigned
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Not Yet Assigned
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	1991-211
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> METHODS AND PRIMERS FOR DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES (as amended)		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Delete the current title and substitute therefor, --METHODS AND PRIMERS FOR
DETECTING TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES--.

Cancel claims 1-9, and 23. Amend claims 10, 11, 13, 14, 22 and 24 as shown on the
following pages following the amended specification portions.

Delete the fourth full paragraph on page 18, the second full paragraph of page 22, and the
second full paragraph of page 23, of the specification and substitute the replacement
paragraphs contained on the following pages.;

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended claims, specification portions and
abstract are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by redlining (insertion)
and material deleted is indicated by strike-out (~~strike-out~~).

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